

High Point

High Point, located in West Seattle and long one of Seattle's most diverse neighborhoods, is now one of the most significant redevelopment opportunities in the city's history. Its transformation is well underway.

The 120-acre High Point community is being revitalized as a mixed-income housing development based on New Urbanist planning principles, with 34 blocks of new streets, an innovative natural drainage system, sidewalks, parks and open space. As the community develops, its views of Puget Sound and Mount Rainier, mix of housing choices, and convenient commercial and community services will make it a desirable new neighborhood for all of Seattle's residents.



HISTORY



Constructed in 1942 to house government workers during WWII, High Point has long offered affordable living at the edge of downtown.



In 1952, the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) took ownership, converting the 716 units to much-needed affordable housing.

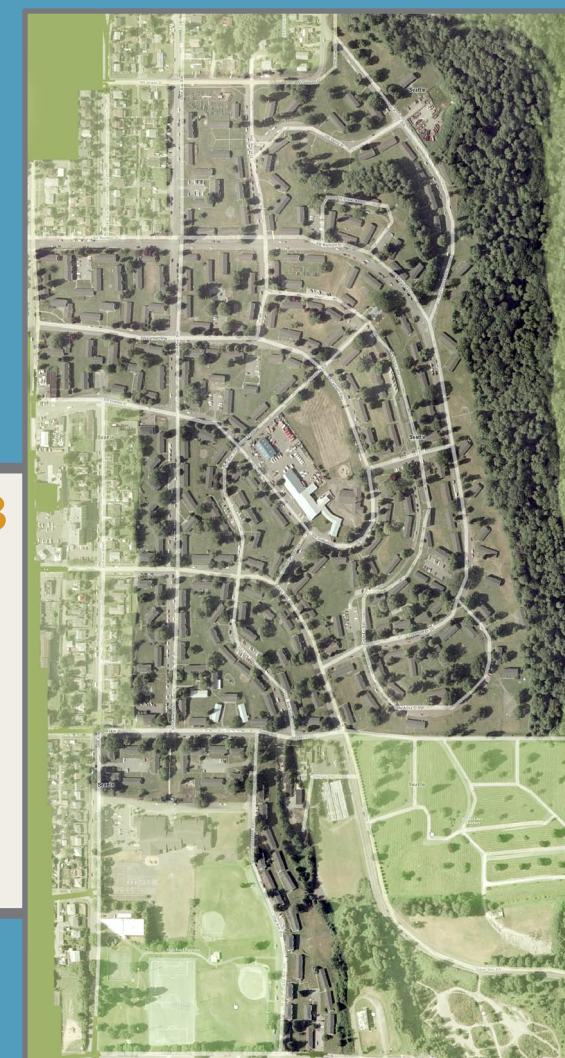


By the 1990s, High Point was in dire need of redevelopment and upgrading. Outdated buildings, inadequate transit access for residents, and untended open spaces had isolated the community from the rest of West Seattle.

What captured the imagination of community members, planners and funders was the idea of completely redesigning the site to knit it back into the surrounding neighborhood. Both local and federal funds (Hope VI) were needed, along with private investment, to realize this big idea—a wholly new vision of the High Point community.



1942
Rendering of High Point as WWII worker housing.



2003
High Point before recent redevelopment.